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Applicant : Shimon Sakaguchi

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Title : A MOUSE STRAIN WITH NATURAL ONSET OF AUTOIMMUNE
ARTHRITIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace claims 12 and 13 with amended claims 12 and 13 as follows:

sub F1 -- 12. (Amended) An isolated mouse strain from BALB/C mice homozygous for
a trait of developing rheumatoid arthritis.

6' 13. (Amended) A mouse capable of developing rheumatoid arthritis and having
ATCC accession No. FERM BP-7790. --

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